The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I do not know anything either way."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" With reference to (e), may I know when the Government will pass final orders with regard to the better treatment of political prisoners ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" After the receipt of the report called for."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" How long will it take ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I hope to get it in a reasonable time. I cannot specify the number of days."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Did they call for a report by telegram or by letter ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" By letter."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Could they not call for it by telegram ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" A letter was sent."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Government do not read newspapers at all ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Government generally are not prepared to take action on newspaper reports."

Mr. P. BHAKTAVATSULU NAYUDU :—" In answer to clauses (a) to (d), the Government say that they have no information. In the answer to clause (e) it is stated the matter is under consideration. When they have no information what is it that is under consideration ? "

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—" The question is not admissible."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" May I know whether this consideration regarding the treatment of political prisoners will be effected very shortly, so that political prisoners now undergoing their term may get the benefit of it ? "

*The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Yes, Sir ; I shall dispose of the question soon."

State Prisoners

Release of Chettali Beeyumma.

* 1896 *Q.*—Mr. MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any petition from Chettali Beeyumma recently through the Collector of South Kanara ;

(b) if so, whether she has asked in her petition the increase of her allowance in case the Government is satisfied after her examination by a doctor that she cannot remain alone without the help of a servant ;

(c) whether she agrees in the petition to give any undertaking required by Government if she is to be released ; and

(d) what action Government propose to take on the petition ?

A.—(a) Yes, one dated 6th December 1928.

(b) She did not ask for an increase of allowance,

(c) She makes no such offer to give any undertaking.

(d) The Government have refused her permission to return to Malabar.

11-30 a.m. Mr. Mahmud Schamnad Sahib :—"May I know whether the Government propose to release the old lady if she is willing to give any undertaking required?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"I shall consider the suggestion if she offers an undertaking."

Mr. K. Uppi Sahib :—"May I know whether the Government will make any provision for an attendant to help her?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"Government give her money."

Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao :—"May I know whether the Government are afraid of the old woman?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur M. Krishnan Nayar :—"No."

Education

Alleged communal distinction in the Sanskrit College, Tirupati.

*1897 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Sanskrit College, Tirupati, gets a grant from the Government annually;

(b) whether it is a fact that in that college 'Vyakaranam' is not taught to non-Brahmans;

(c) if the answer to clause (b) be in the positive, why a distinction is so made; and

(d) what action the Government propose to take to remedy the grievance?

A.—(a) No.

(b) to (d) A report has been called for.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know, with reference to (a), whether the Sanskrit College is not in receipt of any kind of aid from Government for any purpose?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan :—"Not so far as I am aware of."

Reduction of the Government grant to Gudivada Taluk Board.

*1898 Q.—Mr. A. Kaleswara Rao : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director of Public Instruction has sent orders recently to the President, Gudivada Taluk Board, cutting short the Government grant and asking the latter to reduce the number of elementary schools existing in the Board;

(b) whether the Government will place the said orders on the table of the House;